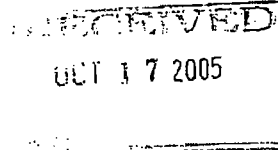


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# ASH GROVE CEMENT COMPANY

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**Re: Shoreline Substantial Development Permit and SEPA Exemption Request for  
Replacement of a Dolphin at Ash Grove Cement Barge Off-Loading Dock**

Dear Ms. Ip:

Ash Grove Cement is requesting a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SSDP) and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) exemption for replacement of a dolphin at an existing barge off-loading facility on the Lower Duwamish Waterway. A JARPA with drawings detailing the proposed work is attached.

## Location

The project site is located at 3801 East Marginal Way South, in the northeast quadrant of Section 18, Township 24N, and Range 4E. Shoreline designation is Urban Industrial.

## Project Schedule

Replacement activities will begin as soon as the appropriate environmental approvals are obtained and weather conditions allow. Work will occur between October 1, 2005 and February 15, 2006, the federal agency-approved construction window. The project should be completed in 3 to 5 days. A summary of the required work is provided below:

- Removal of the existing 35-pile creosote-treated timber dolphin
- Installation of three 18-inch steel piles with pile cap to form the new dolphin
- Attachment of a HDPE fendering system to the new dolphin

The existing timber dolphin is dilapidated and requires replacement. The replacement dolphin will be approximately 30 ft from the location of the original, will remain within the footprint of the barge facility, and will serve the same function as the original dolphin. The area around the existing dolphin will be backfilled with clean sand. Thirty-five creosote-treated timber piles will be removed from the aquatic environment and replaced with three 18-inch-diameter steel piles. The steel dolphin is of similar